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Visit of Indian delegation to abroad for oil exploration!

1420. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powdered Indian delegation went abroad to talk to some leading oil and oil exploring companies to pursuade them to prospect for oil in and offshore India and that there were no takers; and

(b) what are the future plans and prospects of oil exploration in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) An Indian delegation that had gone to attend the Offshore Technology Conference at Houston had discussion with a number of, oil companies regarding exploration concessions in India. These discussions were only of an exploratory nature.

(b) ONGC and OIL have drawn up detailed programmes of exploration in various basins in India. The proposal to invite foreign companies to take up exploration in India is to supplement the efforts of ONGC and OIL.

Plans to meet the increasing oil demand

1421. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay High meets three-fourth of India's present oil consumption and whether due to fast depletion, it is not likely to last for more than another 15 or 20 years; and

(b) what are the plans and prospects to meet the ever increasing oil demand while India enters the 21st century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The production of crude oil from Bombay High and its satellite fields met about 48 per cent of the consumption of petroleum products (in term of crude oil equivalent) in the country in 1984-85. At the current rate of production, the reserves of these fields are expected to last for about 15 years. However *more* reserves are expected to be added **ia** the mean-time.

(b) Some of the steps to increase the production o£ crude oil in the country are:—

. (i) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques;